

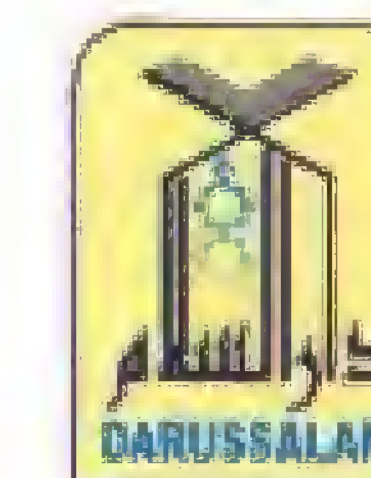
HAASHIM DISCOVERS THE STARS



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"The early Muslim scientists took a lot of time exploring the stars and discovering information about them, such as their age, when they were born, their exact size, etc." Haashim's mummy told him as they walked down the high street.

"Is it true that a lot of the names of the stars are Arab names?," Haashim asked his mummy.

"Yes, when the scientist discovers a star he names it."






Haashim and his mummy were on their way to their local library. Haashim was studying the stars at school and he wanted to discover as much information as he possible could on all the different types of stars there were.

At the library Haashim and his mummy found a comfortable spot to sit near the science section. There were lots and lots of books, all on the stars.

"Wow! Look at these stars!" said Haashim. Amazed at the pictures of the stars that were all very close up, he said, "They look like bright dots from the earth."





"Look! The sun is a star," said Haashim's mummy pointing at the sun. "It's one of the biggest stars and it's very very hot and very very big. Look, this diagram shows you how stars are made," she said, as she pointed to a diagram in the book. "A special chemical which is called Hydrogen Gas gets together in the shape of a cloud. Then this chemical changes and many other things happen to it until it becomes a star," as she continued to explain.

"Yes! I remember Mrs. Tilla telling us about Hydrogen Gas in science."

Haashim and his mummy continued looking at the stars and discovering many new things about this beautiful creation of Allah.

Later that evening, Haashim's best friend Idrees came round. He was staying the night, as it was the weekend. Both boys often stayed at each other's houses, especially on a weekend and in the holidays.





"The stars look so bright and beautiful up in the dark sky," continued mummy, as she stared at the magnificent creation of Allah. "That is one of the other reasons, to decorate the sky and finally as a guide for travellers. In the past there were no such things as clocks, maps, etc., so people would use the stars as their guides to get around and know where they were going," explained mummy.

"That is so amazing. The stars do make the sky look so pretty. They are like little dots of bright white light," said Idrees, as he dazed up at the sky.

"Allah's creation is the most beautiful and we must always be thankful for Allah's great blessings that He has blessed us with," finished mummy.

